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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Gary Eugene Wheat ) GAU: 1762  
Ser. No. 09/670,189 ) Examiner:  
Filed: Sept. 26, 2000 ) Cleveland  
For: METHOD FOR VAPOR PHASE ALUMINIDING )  
INCLUDING A MODIFYING ELEMENT )

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Enter the following claims to replace the previously submitted claims of the same respective number:

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1. (Amended) A method for coating an article, comprising the steps of:  
providing the article having a surface;  
preparing a coating source comprising:  
a solid aluminum halide,

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